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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MU PFOR MILI

SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE DHOFAR MEDIATION COMMITTEE TALKS IN
MUSCAT

1. COMMITTEE FINISHED TWO DAYS TALKS IN MUSCAT 10-11 MAY
AND IS NOW WAITING IN ABU DHABI WHILE KUWAIT REPRESENTATIVE
IN ADEN TO ARRANGE VISIT TO SOUTH YEMEN. AS OF MAY 12,
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ACCORDING OMANI FONMIN ZAWAWI, PDRY HAD NOT INVITED COMMITTEE.

2. SULTAN QABOOS AND FONMIN MADE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS TO COMMITTEE:

A. DHOFAR REBELS AND THEIR VIEWS OF OMAN ARE OMANI INTERNAL CONCERN AND ARAB LEAGUE MANDATE TO COMMITTEE WAS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN PDRY, NOT DHOFAR REBELS AND LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OMAN.

B. GOVERNMENT OMAN ACCEPTING BRITISH AND IRANIAN MILITARY HELP BUT THIS TOO IS INTERNAL MATTER. MUO OCCUPATION OR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS INVOLVED AS IN, FOR EXAMPLE, TUMB ISLANDS.

C. THE PDRY/PFLOAG THREAT IS NOT JUST OMAN BUT ARAB GULF CONCERN. PDRY IS NO FRIEND OF KUWAIT OR ANY OTHER GULF STATE.

D. COMMITTEE SHOULD VISIT NOT ONLY DHOFAR BUT HAUF IN THE PDRY TO SEE THE PDRY WEAPONS, TRAINING, AND EVEN SOUTH YEMENI TROOPS WHICH PDRY SUPPLYING TO REBELS INSIDE OMAN.

3. FONMIN SAID INITIAL EMPHASIS OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ESPECIALLY KUWAIT, SYRIA AND LIBYA, WHO SEEMED TO HAVE COORDINATED THEIR POSITIONS, WAS ON MEDIATION BETWEEN REBELS AND SULTANATE, AND CRITICISM OF IRANIAN MILITARY PRESENCE. SYRIAN MADE PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE "SPEECH" ABOUT IMPERIALISM, BUT ZAWAWI OBSERVED THAT EVEN ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE'S POSITION WAS SIGNIFICANTLY TO LEFT OF THE ALGERIAN POSITION BOUMEDIENNE HAD DESCRIBED WHEN ZAWAWI MET HIM LAST MONTH IN ALGIERS.

4. COMMENT: IF NOTHING ELSE IS ACCOMPLISHED THE OMANIS WILL HAVE LEARNED VALUABLE LESSON ABOUT EFFICACY OF ARAB LEAGUE AND, PARTICULARLY, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE ASSURANCES THEY GET FROM THEIR SYRIAN "FRIENDS" AND ACTUAL ASSISTANCE OR SUPPORT SYRIANS WILL PROVIDE.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: MEDIATION COMMITTEE MENTIONED PARA 1 RETURNED KUWAIT MAY 12, APPARENTLY WITHOUT VISITING PDRY. CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESS REPORTED THAT NEXT STAGE IN MEDIATION WOULD BE IN CAIRO. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MEDIATION DEVELOPMENTS WITH GOK FONMIN OFFICIALS, BUT WE WILL DO SO AND REPORT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. STOLTZFUS

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